Biography

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Col. Jason M. Knapp
Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal



Col. Jason M. Knapp assumed duties as the Commander of U.S. Army Garrison Rock Island Arsenal on July 14, 2026. In this capacity, he commands an adaptive, conscientious and talented team providing ready infrastructure and responsive services that enhance readiness and quality of life for those serving on the installation.

In April 1997, Knapp enlisted in the Army Reserve. In May 2002, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into the Ordnance Corps from the Army ROTC program at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.

He has earned a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, a Master of Science in Business Administration – Management from New Charter University, San Francisco, California, and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Automotive Technology from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.

Knapp's previous assignments include Assistant S4, 426th Brigade Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, Q-West. Iraq, 2003; Mechanical Maintenance Platoon Leader, Maintenance Control Officer, B Company, 426th Brigade Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, Q-West, Iraq, and Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 2004-2005; Logistics Operations Officer, Military Transition Team, 1st Battalion, 327 Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, FOB McHenry, Iraq, 2005-2006; Support Operation Maintenance Officer, 426th Brigade Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, 2006-2007; Battalion S1, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, 2008; Company Commander, HQ/A Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, 59th Ordnance Brigade, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, 2009-2010; Deputy Supply and Services Officer, G4, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, South Korea, 2010-2011; Secretary of the General Staff, United States Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky, 2011-2013; Deputy Support Operations Officer, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, 2014-2015; Support Operations Officer, 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion,1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Camp Beuhring, Kuwait, and Fort Riley, Kansas, 2015-2016 (OND/OIR/OEF 2015); Battalion Executive Officer, 601st Aviation Support Battalion, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas, 2016-2017; G4 Logistics Planner, US Army Europe, 2017-2019; Commander, Army Field Support Battalion - Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany, 2019-2021; Deputy Brigade Commander and Executive Officer, 1st Infantry Division Sustainment Brigade, Fort Riley, Kansas, 2021-2022; Chief of Staff, Joint Munitions Command, Rock Island Arsenal, 2023-2026.

His military education includes the Ordnance Officer's Basic Course, Air Assault Course, Combined Logistics Captain's Career Course, Command and General Staff College, Support Operations Course Phase 2, Joint Planners Course, Defense Support to Civil Authority Course, Security Cooperation Planner's Course, and the U.S. Army War College.

Knapp's awards and achievements include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (6 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (4 campaign stars), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal (1 bronze star), Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, three Meritorious Unit Commendations, Overseas Service Ribbon (5 numerals), Combat Action Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Ordnance Order of Samuel Sharpe Medallion.